

Claim Rejections - 35 USC 103

The Examiner rejected claims 1-3, 5, 21 and 23-26 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,308,317 to Wilkinson and *Windows NT 4 Workstation* by Jacquelyn Garron and Joseph Moran. Additionally, the Examiner rejected claims 4, 20 and 22 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Wilkinson and *Microsoft NT* as applied to claim 1 above and further in view of Bertram.

It is respectfully submitted that the present claimed invention is patentable over the art of record for the following reasons. Accordingly, reconsideration of the Examiner's rejection is requested.

The characteristic features specified in each of the independent claims 1, 2, 25 or 26 are as follows:

- (1) The information storage medium to be applied to the user recognizing unit stores user-environment information about environment suitable for a user.
- (2) The user-recognizing unit changes the operating environment of the computer so as to fit with (match) the user-environment information.

Claim 1 recites these features as the information storage medium stores user-environment information about environment suitable for a user, then the user recognizing unit reads the user-environment information stored in the information storage

medium and changes the operating environment of the computer so as to fit with the user-environment information, and the information storage medium is automatically and directly readable by the user recognizing unit while being inserted into the user recognizing unit.

Claim 2 recites these features as the information storage medium stores user-environment information about environment suitable for a user, then the user recognizing unit reads the user-environment information stored in the information storage medium and changes the operating environment of the computer so as to fit with the user-environment information, and the information storage medium is automatically readable by the user recognizing unit while being in a position near to but apart from the user recognizing unit.

Claim 25 states that the information storage medium stores user-environment information about environment suitable for a user, then the user recognizing unit reads the user-environment information stored in the information storage medium and changes the operating environment of the computer so as to fit with the user-environment information, and the information storage medium is automatically and directly readable by the user recognizing unit while being inserted into the user recognizing unit.

Claim 26 recites these features as the information storage medium stores user-environment information about environment

suitable for a user, then the user recognizing unit reads the user-environment information stored in the information storage medium and changes the operating environment of the computer so as to fit with the user-environment information, and the information storage medium is automatically readable by the user recognizing unit while being in a position near to but apart from the user recognizing unit.

The advantages obtained by the above features are as follows: As the information storage medium stores user-environment information about environment suitable for user and the user-recognizing unit changes the operating environment of the computer so as to fit with the user-environment information, the operator can change the operating environment of the computer so that he can use the computer. This is a very remarkable effect of the present claimed invention.

It is respectfully submitted that Wilkinson never discloses the advantageous features set forth in each independent claim 1, 2, 25 or 26. The Examiner pointed out that all data downloaded from an external storage media change the environment of the computer to some degree. Applicants agree with this assertion.

However, claim 1, 2, 25 or 26 specifically defines what kind of data the information storage medium stores, that is, independent claims 1, 2, 25 and 26 specifically recite that the information storage medium stores user-environment information

about the environment suitable for a user. This is a very important point, which is never disclosed or suggested by Wilkinson or any of the other applied prior art.

In addition, claim 1, 2, 25 or 26 specifically recite how the read-out (unloaded) information (data) is used, that is, these claims specifically state that the operating environment of the computer is changed so as to fit with the user-environment information. However, Wilkinson never discloses any element corresponding to the user-environment information. Thus, the feature that the operating environment of the computer is changed so as to fit with the user-environment information cannot be derived from Wilkinson.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is believed all the issues raised by the Examiner have been considered and appropriately addressed. It is believed this application is now in condition for allowance and action to that end is respectfully solicited.

If the Examiner believes that a conference would be of value in expediting the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned to arrange for such a conference.

Respectfully submitted,

JACOBSON HOLMAN PLLC

By _____

John C. Holman
Reg. No. 22,769

400 Seventh Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20004-2201
(202) 638-6666
Date: October 23, 2002
Atty. Docket: 5970/P61993US0